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**PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOOKMAKER SENTENCED ON  
FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGE**

**Re: United States v. Nicholas Gregory**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, and New Hampshire State Police Colonel Gary Sloper, announced that NICHOLAS GREGORY, DOB 10/5/64, formerly of Salem, New Hampshire, was sentenced on March 17, 2003, on federal charges of being a felon in possession of firearms. District Judge McAuliffe imposed a sentence of 10 months imprisonment followed by a 2- year period of supervised release during which GREGORY's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation.

GREGORY, a felon with bookmaking-related convictions in Massachusetts, was convicted of being a felon in possession of firearms, when he entered a guilty plea to the charges before U.S. District Judge Steven J. McAuliffe on September 26, 2002. The federal charges arose after the N.H. State Police searched GREGORY's Salem, New Hampshire apartment in January, 2002 as part of an illegal gambling investigation spearheaded by the Massachusetts State Police. Three handguns were discovered under a night table next to GREGORY's bed.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we continue to implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

The case against Gregory, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the New Hampshire State Police Special Investigations Unit. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.